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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Rainer BECKER et al
Serial No.: To Be Assigned
Filed: May 10, 2006
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For: METHOD FOR QUANTITATIVELY DETERMINING
THE WIDTH OF A SOFT ZONE AREA OF A
PARTIALLY HARDENED WORKPIECE
Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Examiner: To Be Assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 10, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the
above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments